

13 July 2007

Page: 13

Letters

---

## Boat damage is preventable

WITH all the talk of a marina, what about the area between the grain terminal and Kwinana Beach?

A marina at Wanliss Street would be a traffic disaster with all the noise and spills and the early-morning traffic.

The main cause of damage to boats and property during and after storms is preventable.

I have lived here for more than 20 years and I think some of the boat owners cause the problems.

Just take a good look as a boat is washed up. It is because of four factors:

- Lack of maintenance to

mooring anchors and chains.

- Lack of maintenance to ropes and lines and shackles and swivels.

- Insufficient anchor and or poor placement of anchors.

- Lack of line length (I watched a person put in a mooring on low tide and did he allow enough rope for high or extreme tides?)

So boat owners, maintain your moorings and you will not have problem.

And by the way, I have had boats for more than 20 years, some on moorings, and never had any problems or losses.

*John Yates,  
Rockingham.*